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Applicants request favorable reconsideration of this application in view of the following Remarks which are fully responsive to the rejections set forth in Office Action mailed May 14, 2002.

REMARKS

Among claims 1-13 which were pending in the application, claims 1-7 and 13 were rejected. Applicants appreciate the allowance of claims 8-12. For the reasons hereafter set forth, Applicants respectfully traverse the outstanding rejection.

1. Rejection of Claims 1-7 and 13

Claims 1-7 and 13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,297,572 ("Sunaga"). For at least the following two reasons, Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claims 1 and 13, the only independent claims which currently stand rejected, both recite: (a) "a circuit substrate held in said circuit protecting case; a drive circuit arranged on